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COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
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1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the

step of controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid and injection of a calcium chloride

solution to a targeted area within a vascular system, wherein the injection of the purified alginate

liquid and injection of the calcium chloride solution are can be at variable injection rates, either

within an injection stage or across injection stages.

2.-4. (Canceled).

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rate of the

calcium chloride solution is continuous during injection.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rate of the

calcium chloride solution is variable during injection.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein injection of the calcium

chloride solution occurs at staged intervals.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rate injection

of the calcium chloride solution is continuous during injection and injection of the purified

alginate liquid occurs at staged intervals.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rate of the

alginate liquid is continuous during injection.

10 (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rate of the

alginate liquid solution is variable during injection.

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11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein injection of the alginate liquid

solution occurs at staged intervals.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rates of the

alginate liquid and the calcium chloride solution are about equal during injection.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the injection flow rates of the

alginate liquid and the calcium chloride solution are different during injection.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein injection of the alginate liquid

and injection of the calcium chloride solution occur at staged intervals.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein one or more agents are added to

the alginate liquid during the controlled injection.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the one or more agents are

selected from the group consisting of therapeutic drugs, radioactive or contrast agents, growth

enhancers or inhibitors, or any combination thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the

steps of:

a. Providing a catheter comprised of at least two lumens, and

b. Forming a calcium alginate polymer in a targeted area within a vascular system

by controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid and injection of a calcium chloride solution

to the targeted area through the catheter, wherein the polymer is formed external to the catheter

within the target site and wherein injection of the purified alginate liquid and injection of the

calcium chloride solution are can be at variable injection rates, either within an injection stage or

across injection stages.

18-20. (Canceled).

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21. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the at least two lumens are

concentric.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the injection flow rate

injection of the calcium chloride solution is continuous during injection and injection of the

purified alginate liquid occurs at staged intervals.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the

steps of:

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a. providing at least one assist device to a targeted area in a vascular system, and

b. controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid and injection of a calcium

chloride solution to the targeted area, wherein injection of the alginate liquid and injection of the

calcium chloride solution are can be at variable injection rates, either within an injection stage or

across injection stages.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 23, wherein the at least one assist device

comprises a coil, a stent, a balloon, or any combination thereof.

(Previously Presented) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion

comprising the steps of:

a. providing an ion-permeable balloon to a targeted area in a vascular system,

b. controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid having a high guluronic acid

content to the targeted area; and

c. controlling injection of a calcium chloride solution to the targeted area by

injecting the calcium chloride solution into the ion-permeable balloon.

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26. (Previously Presented) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a balloon to a targeted area in a vascular system, and
- b. controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid having a high guluronic acid content and injection of a calcium chloride solution to the targeted area,

wherein the alginate liquid and the calcium chloride solution are injected asynchronously and wherein the balloon has one or more built-in catheters.

- 27. (Currently Amended) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing at least one pre-coated coil to a targeted area in a vascular system, and
- b. controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid having a high <u>guluronic</u> acid content and injection of a calcium chloride solution to the targeted area,

wherein injection of the alginate liquid and injection of the calcium chloride solution <u>are</u> can be at variable injection rates, either within an injection stage or across injection stages.

- 28. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein the coil is pre-coated with at least a conformal coating of alginate gel.
- 29. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein the coil is pre-coated with at least a conformal coating of unreacted alginate liquid.
- 30. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein the coil is pre-coated with at least calcium chloride ions.
- 31. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein the coil is pre-coated with collagen, permeable gel, or polymer material.

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32. (Original) The method according to claim 28, wherein the coil is modified by ion implantation before placement of the coil in the targeted area.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the purified liquid alginate is of a molecular weight from about 65,000 to about 200,000.

34. (Canceled).

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the purified alginate liquid has a viscosity less than 25 cP.

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the purified alginate liquid is of molecular weight from about 65,000 to about 200,000 less than 250,000 g/mol.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the purified alginate liquid has a viscosity less than 25 cP.

38. (New) A method for forming an endovascular occlusion comprising the steps of:

a. Providing a catheter comprising a microcatheter having a first lumen with a second catheter disposed inside the first lumen, the second catheter having a second lumen that is concentric with the first lumen, the distal end of the second lumen being adjustable with respect to the distal end of the first lumen; and

b. Forming a calcium alginate polymer in a targeted area within a vascular system by controlling injection of a purified alginate liquid and injection of a calcium chloride solution to the targeted area through the catheter, wherein injection of the purified alginate liquid and injection of the calcium chloride solution are at variable injection rates.

39. (New) The method of Claim 38, wherein the distal end of the second lumen is adjusted with respect to the distal end of the first lumen so that the polymer is formed external to the catheter within the target site.

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40. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the purified alginate liquid is of molecular weight from about 65,000 to about 200,000.

- 41. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the purified alginate liquid has a viscosity less than 25 cP.
- 42. (New) The method of Claim 38, wherein the distal end of the second lumen is adjusted with respect to the distal end of the first lumen so that the polymer begins to form within the first lumen.
- 43. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the purified alginate liquid is of molecular weight from about 65,000 to about 200,000.
- 44. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the purified alginate liquid has a viscosity less than 25 cP.